

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| In re Application of: | Russell Houser | Confirmation No.: 9075 |
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| Serial No: | 10/826,028 | Examiner: Yabut, Diane D. |
| For: | SIZING AND SHAPING DEVICE FOR TREATING CONGESTIVE HEART FAILURE | |

M/S Amendments
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT & RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Examiner:

In response to the Restriction Requirement of March 20, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 26 of this paper.